

Admiral Johnson empowered the Navy's commanding officers by removing unnecessary inspections and burdensome paperwork, and gave these skippers the opportunity to lead and truly command their ships, submarines, squadrons, and SEAL teams. He also led the Joint Chiefs of Staff in calling for much-needed increases in the Navy's budget: Pay Table Reform and the reform of the Retirement Program are resulting in dramatic increases in retention of the Navy's most valuable asset—our Sailors.

Admiral Johnson's legacy for the future of Naval Warfare is embodied in his vision of the Navy at sea and ashore. At sea, he has boldly committed his service to build upon the Navy's strategy laid down in "Forward From the Sea" and the Marine Corps' "Operational Maneuver From the Sea." He has championed the creation of a Navy and Marine Corps team that will directly and decisively influence events ashore—anytime, anywhere. He has focused the Navy's research, development and investment capital upon improving the Fleet's ability to conduct Land Attack Warfare, Theater Air and Missile Defense, and Organic Mine Warfare. Admiral Johnson has prepared the Sailors and the Fleet to defeat future threats and he has created an information technology revolution at sea, which is dramatically and irreversibly changing the way we employ our Navy in peacetime, crisis, and war.

Ashore, Admiral Johnson has re-invigorated the Naval War College, reminding us of the years prior to World War II, when the Navy's war games anticipated nearly every enemy operation. He has conducted Battle Experiments with cutting-edge technology and brought together the best minds of government, academia, business, and the military to create new rule sets for an international security environment characterized by an Internet-driven, global economy.

Standing beside this officer throughout his superb career has been his wife Garland, a lady to whom he owes much. She has been his key supporter, devoting her life to her husband, to her family and to the men and women of the Navy family. She has traveled by his side for these many years visiting the Fleet. Her sacrifice and devotion have served as an example and inspiration for others. This team has served our Navy well and we will miss them both.

With these words before the Senate, I seek to recognize Admiral Johnson for his unswerving loyalty to the Navy and the Nation. From the beginning, he has been a model Naval officer who has always done his duty to God and to Country. It has been my personal good fortune, and the Senate's good fortune as a whole, to witness Admiral Johnson's leadership of the finest Navy in the world.

The Department of the Navy and the American people have been served well on his watch. The men and women of the United States Navy will not forget the leadership, service and dedication of Admiral Johnson as he has left the Navy better prepared to face the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

We thank him and wish Jay, and his lovely wife Garland, fair winds and following seas as they continue forward in what will most assuredly remain lives of service to this Great Nation.●

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY CELEBRATES ITS 250TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Northampton County, Pennsylvania as it begins preparation for its 250th anniversary. Northampton County was established in 1752, thus its official celebration will not occur until March 11, 2002. However, on June 26, 2000, Northampton County kicked off this celebration with a lunch designed to draw support and preparation for the events in 2002.

Jerry Seyfried, former county executive and current court administrator, is coordinating the celebration preparations. He mentioned some of the events that are in the works, including a parade on September 23, 2001, a historic family treasure hunt, a black-tie gala, and a sports showcase. Most importantly, the celebrations will be geared toward local schools, churches and ethnic groups. This celebration is expected to be the largest event that Northampton County has ever undertaken.

Northampton County has served as a crucial part of Pennsylvania's history, and I commend the area for initiating such a tremendous celebration for this most historic event. I look forward to the upcoming festivities in 2002 and hope to participate in them.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting two treaties and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed

the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4169. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada, as the "Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building."

H.R. 4447. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 919 West 34th Street in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Samuel H. Lacy, Sr. Post Office Building."

At 5:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4811. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 6:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 986. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Griffith Project to the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

S. 1892. An act to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

The bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4169. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada, as the "Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4447. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 919 West 34th Street in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Samuel H. Lacy, Sr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 894. An act to encourage States to incarcerate individuals convicted of murder, rape, or child molestation.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-9682. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled